IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re application of: Art Unit: 1712

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For: Methods of Surface Modification of a Flexible Substrate to Enhance Cell

Adhesion

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R.§§1.116 AND 1.121

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 17, 2006.

It is not believed that any extensions of time are necessary beyond what may be submitted with this communication. If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to account number 50-3120.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.